



# New Jersey High School Reform Consortium

## Mission

A project of Grant Wiggins and *Authentic Education*, the New Jersey HS Reform Consortium is dedicated to exploring and implementing best practice in high schools, as part of the NJDOE initiative on high school redesign. Dedicated to providing a collegial forum for addressing issues of curriculum, assessment, school culture, and educational leadership, the Consortium will work collaboratively on action research projects in curriculum design, teaching, assessment, and climate to move their schools 'from good to great' and provide models for other schools in the Garden State.

## Membership

Membership in the NJHSRC is limited to schools committed to serious and sustained reform, anchored in the vision put forward by NJDOE and the work of Grant Wiggins in *Understanding by Design* and *Schooling by Design*. Our members will work together to explore best practice, develop curriculum materials, and share experience and ideas to make high school maximally engaging and effective. In school workgroups, cross-school teams, and a leadership cadre, Consortium members will work intensively toward the shared goal of a state-of-the-art high school. We invite schools to consider our materials and share with us their interest and capacity for undertaking the work of the Consortium.

## Benefits

The Consortium will provide:

- monthly workshops, regional conferences, online courses, and materials on HS redesign
- on-site workshops for school and district faculties
- membership in an online curriculum framing system
- opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from across the state in the design of model units, courses, and practices
- meetings and workshops for district and school leaders aimed at collaborative brainstorming and troubleshooting of reform work
- professional development and consulting services provided by Grant Wiggins and his colleagues at *Authentic Education*

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